GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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ETHICAL GUIDELINES FOR BIOMEDICAL RESERACH
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Council of Medical Research has released the first comprehensive study of ethical guidelines for biomedical research on human subjects which specially prohibits research on cloning;

(b) if so, the details of the guidelines issued;

(c) the extent to which these guidelines are likely to help the rapidly expanding horizons in the research and biomedical and biotechnological including genetic field;

(d) whether the Government have adopted these guidelines;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (f) : A Statement is enclosed.

Statement

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The Council`s revised ethical guidelines for bio-medical research on human subjects was released by Hon`ble Health Minister Dr. C.P. Thakur on 18.10.2000. These revised guidelines are in view of the current advances in science and technology to safeguard the rights of the Human participants. At present, research on human cloning is prohibited in India. Ethical guidelines containes apart from Statement of general Principles on Ethical consideration; chapter on Ethical Review Procedures, General Ethical Issues; Statement of Specific Principle for Clinical Evaluation of Drugs, Devices/Diognostics/Vaccines/Herbal Remedies, Epidemiological Studies, Human Genetic Research; Research in Transplantation, including Foetal Tissue Transplantation and assisted Reproductive technology. These guidelines cover the areas of human genetic research also and should be consulted for such research of recombinant gene and Gene therapy.

The guidelines are receiving the attention of the Government.